

Doniphan-Trumbull March 2011 Elementary Newsletter
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Mission Statement: Committed To Actions That Embrace Progressive Opportunities, Advanced Achievement, Genuine Respect, And Personal Integrity Through Active Community Partnerships.

School Wide Goal:

All Students Pre-K through 12 will have increased opportunities to utilize expressive literacy through communication in meaningful context.

Adopted Nov. 30, 2009

Time Flies:

I cannot believe that it is March! This year has flown by so quickly! I am ready for the good weather and some sunny skies! Hope this time of year finds all of you welcoming Spring and finding all of you in good health.

Early Dismissals/No School:

This last month the teachers worked very hard on the early dismissal and no school day on Feb. 16th. The elementary staff have been concentrating on the selection of a new reading series, having the representatives of the top two companies come and explain their program, developing and scoring a rubric for the two companies, and having long discussions of what company will best fit our district's needs. Other elementary teachers not involved with the reading series worked with Jackie Ediger and Abie Ott on technology usage and the website. The secondary staff worked on their school culture, defining expressive literacy at the secondary level, and having objectives that will meet that goal. The staff also had opportunities to work with technology personnel to assist with their needs.

Elementary Newsbowl Results:

5th grade Newsbowl team did super! They took 1st place out of 240 competing teams of 5,6 & 7th graders. There were only 6 teams that scored higher than them. That is including high school teams! There were over 1,000 schools competing. Congratulations to the 5th grade team members: Shay Schanaman, Kaleb Pfeiffer, Zoey Ballard, Max Winkler, Tyson Price, Dacoda Freeman and Keaton Ludwig

4th grade Newsbowl team took 6th place out of 85 schools competing. The team members for 4th grade: Kalee Wiltfong, Emma Christensen, Allyson Rowe, and Whitney Jensen.
Congratulations for your great score!

TEAM:

Baskets, Boogie, and Barbeque:

The fourth annual Baskets, Boogie, and Barbeque event will be March 24th at 5:30, pork barbeque sandwiches will again be served. The food was a big hit last year. Please mark your calendars and bring your friends, family, and neighbors to have fun eating and bidding on some great baskets.

I hope all of you join dancing with the music with your child. Dancing with your child will bring memories forever. Let your hair down and let's all move together. It will be great exercise for all of us.

Thanks to the 5th grade parents for providing desserts for the evening.

Early Childhood Screening:

The Early Childhood Learning Center serves preschool children from the Doniphan-Trumbull school districts that either qualifies for Head Start, special services or students that are eligible through a rubric based on need. If you have concerns about your child's development the Early Childhood Learning Center will provide a screening for children 2-5 years old. The purpose of this screening is to help identify children who may be having difficulties with learning or language and if needed to refer them for further testing.

If you are interested in having your preschool child participate in this process or would like more information, please call the Early Childhood Learning Center at 845-6676 and talk with Beth or Susanne. Screening will be in the afternoon, between 1:30PM and 3:30PM p.m. on April 13th or can be scheduled at another time by appointment.

Kindergarten Registration: 2011-2012 School Year

Kindergarten Registration will occur March 28th from 4:00-6:00 P.M. this school year. You will not need to bring your child to the registration. If you have a neighbor or relative that may not receive this information, please share the information with them. You will need to bring a state certified birth certificate to officially register and it is preferred to have your child's social security number. A physical and vision evaluation must be done before the start of school. A form will be given to you to take to the doctor at registration time. All immunizations will need to be up to date and a copy to the office by August 8th. Your child may not start school until the elementary office has updated immunization information, the physical/vision eval, and the state certified birth certificate.

The Kindergarten teachers will assist with the registration. The registration will be at the elementary office. Enter the school at door #3. The Kindergarten teachers will inform you about our summer program for our entering Kindergarten students. We are all excited to see and meet you.

PLEASE NOTE: The state legislature passed a bill that states that students must be 5 years old by July 31st instead of the Oct. 15th starting the 2012-2013 school year. This change was led by Nebraska elementary principals.

Box Tops for education is an all year collection. It would help if you sent your tops to the office by April 5th. The office can get them counted and sent in for reimbursement before the summer begins.

Expectations of 6th Grade Students During the 4th Quarter:

6th grade students are expected to meet eligibility grade requirements to participate in the Little Red Spring track meet. Students must have passing grades in all core subjects. Any “F’s” will result in ineligibility. Students that stay in for recess or cooperate with the teacher for exhibiting proficiency may be able to participate after a conference is held with the principal, parent, and classroom teacher.

High School Track Meets/Golf Meets:

I realize that the high school will be having track and golf meets very soon. The elementary are to stay at school and not attend these all day events. Elementary students will not have an excused absence if they do attend these events. If you have a secondary child in a spring sport and you want to attend the meet; please find a friend that your elementary student can go home with after school. Thanks for your cooperation.

Secondary students are not excused from school to come to the elementary spring functions such as Super Kids Day or the Little Red Track Meet.

Websites:

Doniphan-Trumbull Website: Have you checked out all the information that is on our website? Thanks to Lisa Lemek and Lori Baasch for keeping the site current and very informational. Have you voted on their poll on the front page! So fun.

Adams County Medical Society Alliance:

“So You’re Growing Up” 2011 Series will occur at the Hastings Public Library at 7:30PM. Both parents are encouraged to attend the sessions.

3rd and 4th grade girls may attend on March 15th and March 21st
5th and 6th grade girls may attend on March 8th and March 28th
5th and 6th grade boys on March 10th and March 29th